

## 2023 Kansas Statutes

**74-8716. Conflicts of interests; penalties.** (a) It is unlawful for the executive director, a member of the commission or any employee of the Kansas lottery, or any person residing in the household thereof to:

(1) Have, either directly or indirectly, an interest in a business knowing that such business contracts with the Kansas lottery for a major procurement, whether such interest is as a natural person, partner, member of an association, stockholder or director or officer of a corporation; or

(2) accept or agree to accept any economic opportunity, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, favor or service, or hospitality other than food and beverages, having an aggregate value of \$20 or more in any calendar year from a person knowing that such person: (A) Contracts or seeks to contract with the state to supply gaming equipment, materials, tickets or consulting services for use in the lottery; or (B) is a lottery retailer or an applicant for lottery retailer.

(b) It is unlawful for a lottery retailer, an applicant for lottery retailer or a person who contracts or seeks to contract with the state to supply gaming equipment, materials, tickets or consulting services for use in the lottery to offer, pay, give or make any economic opportunity, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, favor or service, or hospitality other than food and beverages, having an aggregate value of \$20 or more in any calendar year to a person, knowing such person is the executive director, a member of the commission or an employee of the Kansas lottery, or a person residing in the household thereof.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to serve as executive director, a member of the commission or an employee of the Kansas lottery while or within five years after holding, either directly or indirectly, a financial interest or being employed by or a consultant to any of the following:

(1) Any lottery gaming facility manager, subcontractor or agent of a lottery gaming facility manager, manufacturer or vendor of electronic gaming machines, an interactive sports wagering platform or central computer system provider, or any business that sells goods or services to a lottery gaming facility manager; or

(2) any licensee pursuant to the Kansas parimutuel racing act, other than the Kansas lottery or a person holding a license on behalf of the Kansas lottery, or any business that sells goods or services to a parimutuel licensee.

(d) No person who holds a license issued by the Kansas racing and gaming commission shall serve as executive director or as a member of the commission or shall be employed by the Kansas lottery while or within five years after holding such license.

(e) No person shall participate, directly or indirectly, as an owner, owner-trainer or trainer of a horse or greyhound, or as a jockey of a horse, entered in a race meeting conducted in this state while executive director, a member of the commission or an employee of the Kansas lottery.

(f) It shall be unlawful for the executive director, a member of the commission or an employee of the Kansas lottery to accept any compensation, gift, loan, entertainment, favor or service from any lottery gaming facility manager, subcontractor or agent of a lottery gaming facility manager, manufacturer or vendor of electronic gaming machines, an interactive sports wagering platform or central computer system provider.

(g) It shall be unlawful for the executive director, a member of the commission or an employee of the Kansas lottery to accept any compensation, gift, loan, entertainment, favor or service from any licensee pursuant to the Kansas parimutuel racing act, except such suitable facilities and services within a racetrack facility operated by an organization licensee as may be required to facilitate the performance of the executive director's, member's or employee's official duties.

(h) Violation of this section is a class A misdemeanor.

(i) If the executive director, a member of the commission or an employee of the Kansas lottery, or any person residing in the household thereof, is convicted of an act described by this section, such executive director, member or employee shall be removed from office or employment with the Kansas lottery.

(j) In addition to the provisions of this section, all other provisions of law relating to conflicts of interest of state employees shall apply to the members of the commission and employees of the Kansas lottery.

**History:** L. 1987, ch. 292, § 16; L. 2007, ch. 110, § 46; L. 2022, ch. 91, § 27; July 1.